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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Working Group on Berlin (5th Meeting)

The ad hoc working group on Berlin met at 1000 on Wednesday, 26 November 1958 in Room 6161, New State. Among those present were the following:

Mr. Foy Kohler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs
 Mr. Martin Hillenbrand, Director, Office of German Affairs
 Mr. Edward L. Freeman, Director, Office of Eastern European Affairs
 Mr. Alfred Vigstuen, Deputy Director, Office of German Affairs
 Mr. Richard Service, OIC, USSR Affairs
 Col. E. M. Harris, OCS/ISA
 RADM. F. O'Bairne, Director, J-3, Joint Staff
 Col. J. W. Tetten, J-3 Div, Joint Staff

Revised papers, previously discussed, were circulated by representatives of the preparing agencies. In addition, a Joint Staff paper on the military implications of [] was circulated and discussed.

Papers had also been prepared on []

A study prepared by the FNS covering legal and political opinions with regard to the status of Berlin had been reproduced and was circulated by the Department of State for information.

Mr. Kohler observed that he felt this should be the last meeting of the working group. That he proposed the papers, now having been discussed, should be assembled in a package and presented to the high-ups in each Department. He indicated that it was Secretary Dulles'

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intention to be in Augusta (Ga.) on Sunday and that this matter would be discussed with the President at this time. It was thought that Secretary McElroy and General Twining would also be present for this discussion. It was Mr. Kohler's intention merely to cover the study with a brief memorandum to the Secretary stating its origin, but without any recommendations.

Mr. Kohler felt that the papers [] should be omitted from the final package as not being directly connected with the problem at hand.

The meeting adjourned at 1215.

(SIGNED)

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